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SUBJ: ARAMCO LOSS OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL

1. DURING CONVERSATION JULY 5, 1977 AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT FOR ARAMCO INFORMED EMBASSY THAT THE COMPANY IS SUFFERING A 16 PERCENT PER YEAR TURNOVER RATE AMONG THE AMERICAN STAFF. HE STATED THAT ARAMCO WHICH CURRENTLY EMPLOYS ROUGHLY 1,700 AMERICANS, IS ANTICIPATING A LOSS OF 50 PERCENT OF ITS U.S. STAFF BY 1980 DUE TO THE NEWLY ENACTED U.S. TAX LAWS.

2. ARAMCO POLICYMAKERS EXPECT OPERATIONS OF THE OIL COMPANY TO GREATLY EXPAND OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, GENERATING AN INCREASED NEED FOR QUALIFIED PERSONNEL. THESE OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE A DRYING UP OF AVAILABLE AMERICAN TALENT AND HAVE DECIDED TO TURN TO THE U.K. FOR LABOR. A RECENTLY COMPLETED ARAMCO REPORT PROJECTS A NEED FOR UPWARDS OF 9,000 ADDITIONAL EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL BY 1980.

3. AT PRESENT ARAMCO EMPLOYS, 1,700 AMERICANS.

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THERE ARE OVER 600 JOBS EARMARKED FOR AMERICAN TECHNICIANS/ADMINISTRATORS NOW GOING UNFILLED BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO RECRUIT AMERICANS FOR OVERSEAS SLOTS.
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